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Preliminary Alternatives Description

Dear Friends of Lincoln
Home National Historic Site,

As most of you know, we have been working on a General Management Plan (GMP) for Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield, Illinois. Our goal is to develop a plan that will establish a clear vision and serve as a guide for the long term management of the home and neighborhood where Abraham Lincoln and his family lived for seventeen years. Your help is vital in this planning effort.



We received over 70 responses to our first newsletter, which solicited the public's thoughts on the issues facing Lincoln Home National Historic Site and their vision for the site's future. Using the ideas, comments, and concerns that you expressed, combined with input from National Park Service staff and other federal, state, and local officials, as well as elected officials, we have developed preliminary alternatives for the future management and direction of Lincoln Home National Historic Site. Based on your response to the information in this newsletter, the planning team will move ahead with the development of the General Management Plan for the National Historic Site. Each of the four alternatives has a series of options. You may identify which alternative you prefer, select options from within any of the alternatives which you believe should be part of the park's management strategy, or add to the list of options to be considered.

We look forward to your input. Please use the enclosed postage-paid response form to share your thoughts with us or you may respond by email at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Select Lincoln Home NHS from the drop down list and then select General Management Plan. Thank you in advance for your continued support and assistance in the development of the General Management Plan for Lincoln Home National Historic Site.

Sincerely,
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Superintendent
Lincoln Home National Historic Site



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THE PLANNING PROCESS TO DATE

To begin the general management planning process, the National Park Service (NPS) planning team, including park staff, confirmed the purpose and significance of Lincoln Home National Historic Site (NHS). Working with partners in city, county, and state agencies, the team identified current issues facing the site. Through our first public scoping newsletter, we solicited input from members of the public on their vision for the future of Lincoln Home NHS, concerns about issues facing the site, and the opportunities they would like to see explored in the General Management Plan (GMP).

Using this information, the team worked with our city, county, state, and Congressional partners to develop preliminary alternative concepts, management zones, and management alternatives for the future management of Lincoln Home NHS. These management zones and management alternatives are the building blocks for developing an approved general management plan for Lincoln Home NHS.

Management zones prescribe desired conditions for Lincoln Home NHS's resources and visitor experiences in

different areas of the site. The management zones identify the widest range of potential resource conditions, visitor experiences, and appropriate facilities consistent with the national historic site's purpose and significance. Three management zones have been developed for the future management of Lincoln Home NHS (see p. 4).

The preliminary management alternatives presented in this newsletter describe the different ways in which the management zones would be applied at Lincoln Home NHS. Each of the alternatives has an overall management concept and a description of how different areas would be managed to achieve desired resource conditions, visitor experiences, and appropriate facility development.



The Allen Barn dates to the 1850s, and was owned by Solomon Allen. Allen lived on this property with his wife and daughter and listed his occupation as a "gunsmith." The Allen house no longer exists, but the surviving barn is one of the oldest outbuildings in Springfield.



The exhibit "What A Pleasant Home Abe Lincoln Has" located inside the Dean House.

LINCOLN HOME NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE MANAGEMENT ZONES

VISITOR SERVICES/ADMINISTRATION ZONE (MAP COLOR: BLUE)

DESIRED RESOURCE CONDITIONS: There would be no historic resources in this zone. Modern facilities complement the desired resource condition in adjacent zones; they do not distract from the historic setting.

DESIRED VISITOR EXPERIENCE: Visitor orientation, information, interpretation, and education services would be provided in this area. Park support and leased facilities may not be accessible to visitors and use would be by staff, partners, lessees, and/or visitors that does not infringe upon the historic neighborhood feeling.

APPROPRIATE FACILITIES: These would include accessible visitor service facilities such as parking areas, visitor center, interpretive displays/exhibits, restrooms, concessions, cooperating association sales and park operations facilities (offices, meeting spaces, curatorial storage, maintenance shops, etc.), which meet visitor requirements.

HISTORIC DISTRICT ZONE (MAP COLOR: YELLOW)

This zone contains the National Register Historic District.

DESIRED RESOURCE CONDITIONS: Historic structures are maintained in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties. Grounds and yards are designed and maintained to reflect the Lincoln-era historic scene. All building interiors, except the Lincoln Home, are adaptively used with modern interiors as park/leased offices; park meeting space, storage, maintenance shops, bed and breakfast or other concessions; interpretive displays/exhibits; or public restrooms.

DESIRED VISITOR EXPERIENCE: Visitors would learn about Abraham Lincoln, the Lincoln Home, and the historic Lincoln-era neighborhood. Visitors have access to roam throughout this zone, except the

Lincoln Home, which is seen on a park ranger guided tour. Access to interiors of buildings and to grounds could be restricted. Where visitors have access to the interior of buildings, accessibility for disabled will be accommodated when historic integrity can be retained. Visitor numbers are controlled as necessary to protect resources and enhance visitor experience.

APPROPRIATE FACILITIES: This area would include existing historic buildings and new structures that are compatible in scale, design and location to buildings that would have been present in the Lincoln era. Exhibits such as small-scale landscape features appropriate to depict the historic Lincoln-era scene (fences, gates, barns, wash houses, privies, wells/cisterns, gardens, trees, shrubs, boardwalks, streets, curbing, and lighting), representations of missing historic buildings (e.g., full-scale structural exhibits, "ghosted" structures or building foundation outlines – see pages 6 and 10), and interpretive wayside displays/exhibits, would also be appropriate to represent historic land use and to identify property owners.

OPEN SPACE/RECREATION ZONE (MAP COLOR: GREEN)

DESIRED RESOURCE CONDITIONS: Open, park-like setting with trees, shrubs, and lawns.

DESIRED VISITOR EXPERIENCE: Would include self-directed recreational activities such as picnicking, self-guided trail walks, contemplation, and attendance and participation in staged events and educational activities such as reading interpretive displays/exhibits and attending park ranger programs.

APPROPRIATE FACILITIES: Picnic tables and shelters, restrooms, walking trails, interpretive wayside displays/exhibits, and temporary structures for staged events.

Nameplate - Since Springfield homes were not numbered until 1873, the Lincolns, like many of their Springfield neighbors, used a front door nameplate to identify their home to visitors.



ACTIONS COMMON TO ALL ACTION ALTERNATIVES

- The four existing historic buildings (Morse, Miller, Stuve and Stuve Carriage Houses) would be restored to their historic exterior appearance and adaptively used on the inside as administrative offices, leased space, or concession operations.
- Develop a cultural landscape plan for the entire park (with a focus on individual lots).
- Develop wayside path finding aids between Lincoln Home NHS and Springfield's downtown Lincoln-related sites and area attractions.
- Interpretive services would include use of international language translations in audio devices for exploring the park, park publications, and the park's web site. If available, bilingual interpreters would be hired to improve communications with international visitors.
- Develop an information connection at the Lincoln Home NHS to other Lincoln-related sites outside of Springfield in central Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky.
- Identify Lincoln Home NHS as a unit of the National Park Service on major highway signs, path-finding signage, and in collaboration with the new visitor center in the restored Union Station railroad depot located west of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.
- Become proactive in developing educational programs with schools in Illinois and nationwide through the use



Miller House - In 1860, Allen Miller, a prosperous leather dealer, his wife, and their three children lived in the house. Also living at the address were James and Miranda Keys, and Josephine Miers. (The house has not yet been restored.)

of onsite education programs, teaching outlines, videos, DVDs, training aids, and on-line media produced by Lincoln Home NHS and through partnerships with academic institutions.

- Provide access to facilities, as well as, interpretive media to accommodate the needs of special populations. Interpretive media includes audiovisual programs, displays/exhibits, historic furnishings, publications, and wayside exhibits. Special populations are identified as those with sight, hearing, learning, and mobility disabilities; visitors who do not speak English; and the elderly and young children.
- Investigate options to partner with local agencies and historic sites, to promote the Lincoln story and specific related projects directed at enhancing the visitor's experience in the community.
- The National Park Service and Lincoln Home NHS would continue the partnership with Eastern National, a not for profit cooperating association that provides educational material through its museum shop in the visitor center.



Beedle House - In 1860, William H. Beedle and his servant, Kate Tierney, were living at this address. Beedle was a railroad fireman, and he told the enumerator that he owned no real estate. He undoubtedly rented the house.

HISTORIC DISTRICT ZONE- APPROPRIATE FACILITIES

DEFINITIONS:

FULL-SCALE STRUCTURAL EXHIBITS

This would be used when adequate historical documentation does not exist to reconstruct the historic building according to National Park Service policy. The construction of a full scale exhibit would use conjecture where historical evidence is not available. The resulting building would be interpreted to the visitor as an “exhibit” rather than an “authentic reconstruction”. It would convey a sense of size (length, width, and height), mass, texture, and location in a historic scene.

GHOSTED STRUCTURES

This kind of structure is a method of showing representations of missing historic buildings and can convey a sense of size (length, width, and height) and location in a historic scene. It would take the form of a three dimensional frame outline of the building with no building features. (See pg. 10)

BUILDING FOUNDATION OUTLINES

This is another method to show representations of missing historic buildings. In this case, the outline of a building foundation is shown in the ground with no other detail or structure above it. It can convey a sense of size (length and width) and location in a historic scene. (See pg. 10)



Looking south on Eighth Street

ALTERNATIVE 1: CONTINUATION OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

The park would continue the current management direction, which follows the concept outlined in the 1970 Master Plan.

DESIRED RESOURCE CONDITION

The existing Lincoln-era neighborhood would be maintained as it is today. When funding becomes available, the park would restore the following existing historic buildings: Morse; Miller; Stuve; and Stuve Carriage Houses; and Lincoln Home outbuildings. Vacant lots would remain vacant.

DESIRED VISITOR EXPERIENCE

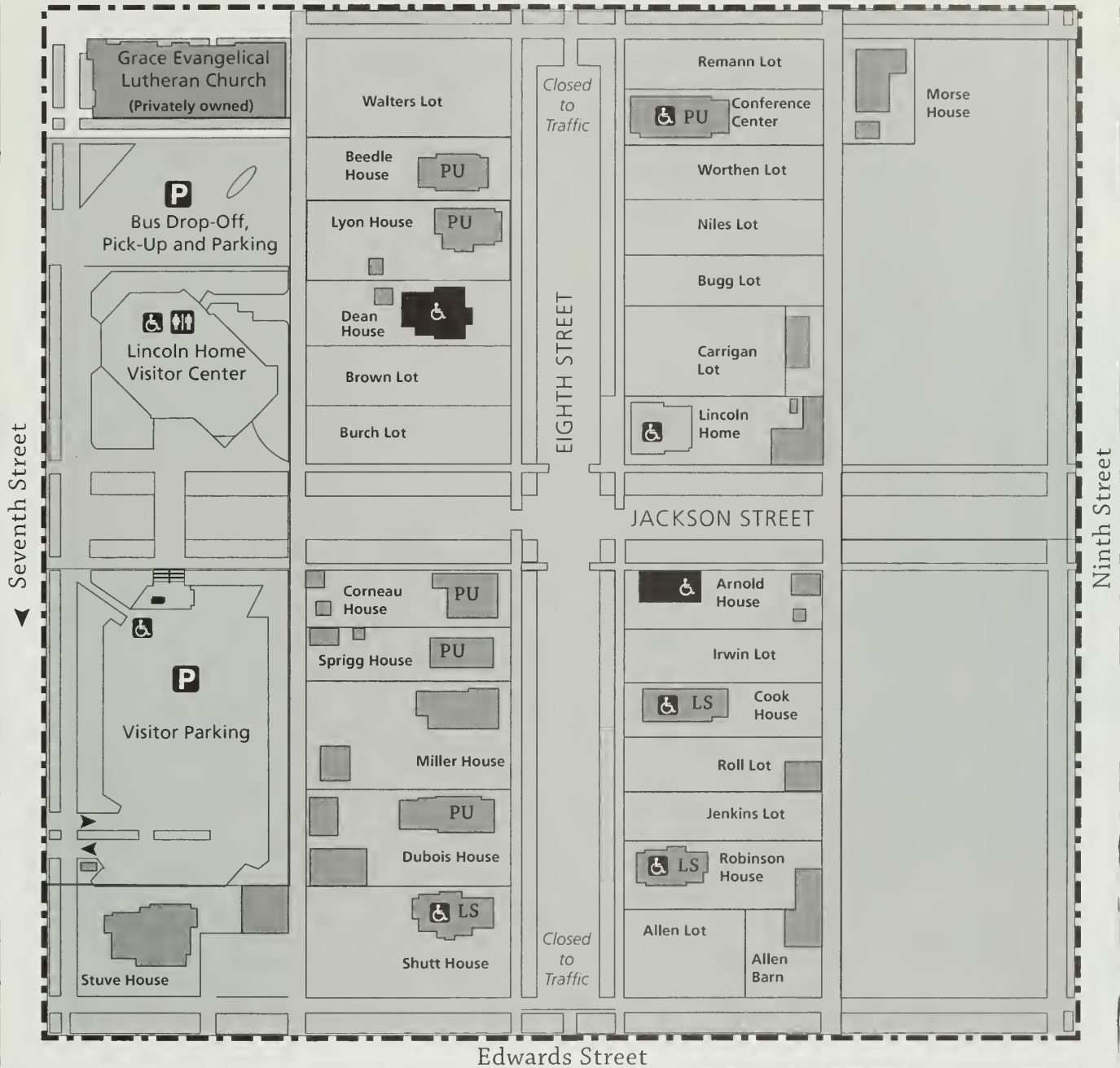
The focus would be on ranger-led Lincoln Home tours. The visitor experience would also include viewing the park movie and exploring displays/exhibits in the visitor center, Arnold House, Dean House, and the outdoor neighborhood exhibits.

APPROPRIATE FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT:

Administrative offices, including administration, maintenance, interpretation, museum curatorial, and law enforcement would remain where they are, in adaptively used historic homes and outbuildings.

The three existing leased buildings would continue being leased under the historic leasing program. Buses would continue to drop-off, pick up, and park in the current visitor center bus-parking lot.

Capitol Avenue



LEGEND

- Park Boundary
- PU** Park Use
- LS** Leased Space
- Buildings Containing Interpretive Displays
- Restrooms

ALTERNATIVE ONE

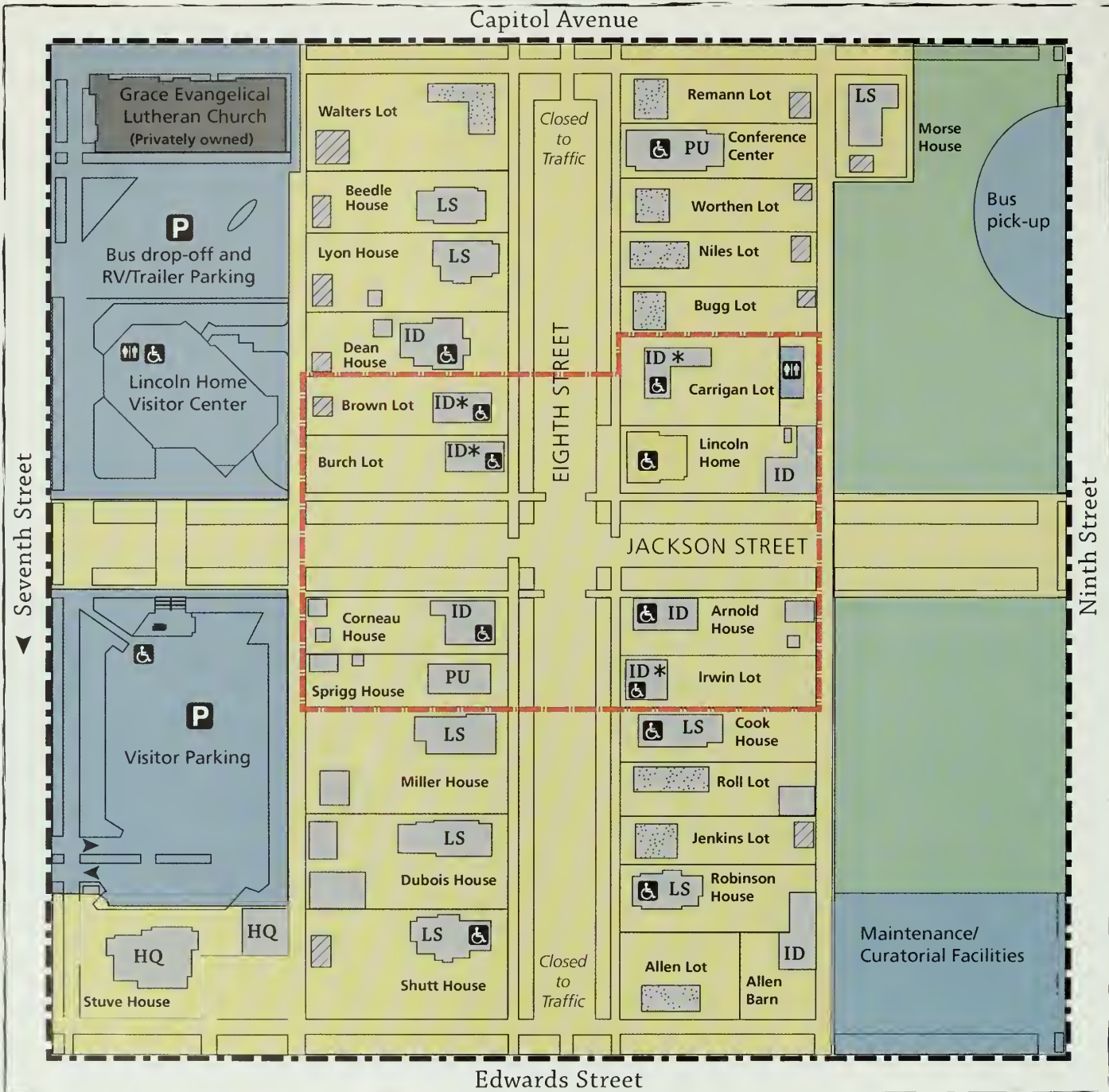
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LEGEND

MANAGEMENT ZONES

- Open Space/Recreation
- Visitor Services/Administration
- Historic District
- Park Boundary
- Historic Core
- Foundation Outlines Only
- New Barns/Sheds in Historic Locations

- LS Leased Space
- ID Interpretive Displays
- HQ Headquarters
- PU Park Use
- * Full Scale Structural Exhibits

ALTERNATIVE TWO

A STEP BACK IN TIME THE HISTORIC LINCOLN-ERA SCENE

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ALTERNATIVE 2: A STEP BACK IN TIME – THE HISTORIC LINCOLN-ERA SCENE

Under this alternative, park management would focus on interpretation of the core of the historic Lincoln-era neighborhood through the construction of full-scale structural exhibits. This core includes the following residential lots: Lincoln, Carrigan, Burch, Brown, Corneau, Sprigg, Irwin, and Arnold. The historic landscape would be recreated as completely as possible.

DESIRED RESOURCE CONDITION

Missing elements of the 1860s neighborhood would be represented with full scale structural exhibits at the core of the site in order to give visitors an appreciation of the neighborhood as Abraham Lincoln and his family may have experienced it. Based upon available historical data, the park may construct full-scale structural exhibits on the Burch, Brown, Carrigan, and Irwin lots to represent what the homes on these lots may have looked like during the 1860s. Interiors of the above houses plus the Arnold, Sprigg, Corneau, and Dean Houses would be adaptively used for park administrative functions or as public interpretive exhibit space. Other small scale features of the historic scene, such as barns, privies, fences, wells/cisterns, and gardens, would be developed as exhibits to enhance visitor understanding of the scale and density of the Lincoln neighborhood in 1860 and to screen the historic neighborhood scene from modern visual and audible intrusions.

The existing historic buildings in the remainder of the historic district (outside of the core) would be restored to preserve the essential character of the Lincoln-era neighborhood's historical and architectural values, while allowing for compatible uses of these extant (existing) structures. Interiors of structures would be adaptively used for park administrative functions or as leased space under the historic leasing program. Representations of missing houses would be identified by building foundation outlines, which could be built to provide visitors with some sense of the scale of the historic Lincoln-era

neighborhood. Limited traffic and parking in the alleys outside of the core would be permitted. Small-scale elements such as outbuildings could be constructed.

DESIRED VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Visitors would experience a sense of removal from the modern world upon entering the Historic District Zone. The buildings would serve as a buffer against modern visual and auditory intrusions. An innovative, large scale living history program would enhance the visitors' impression that they had traveled in time to the historic period of the Lincoln-era neighborhood. Curriculum-based educational programming, including multi-day programs, would help students gain a better understanding of the day to day lives of the Lincoln family and their neighbors. Interpretive information would be developed for each neighborhood property to enhance visitor understanding of the Lincoln's social neighborhood setting.

APPROPRIATE FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT

The neighborhood display model in the visitor center would be moved to the interior of the full-scale structural exhibit of the Burch House to provide additional space for the Eastern National museum store to expand into the lobby of the visitor center. The park visitor center would not be expanded. The full-scale structural exhibit of the Burch House would serve as an orientation point for visitors entering the historic neighborhood. The Carrigan Barn would also provide additional visitor restroom facilities with drinking water. Maintenance operations would be consolidated and moved to a new building



Dean House on Eighth Street

Alternative 2 continued)

in the south portion of the Open Space/Recreation Zone located along the eastern side of the park. The Stuve House and Stuve Carriage House would be restored for use as a park administrative facility, which would enable park management to lease space in up to eight historic houses, some of which are currently used for park offices. The construction of barns that were located in the neighborhood along the alleys during the historic period would provide concealed parking spaces for lessee vehicles. Other outbuildings would add to the historic feel of the neighborhood. Curatorial items stored on site would be consolidated and moved to a new building in the south portion of the open space area located along the eastern side of the park, to free up space in this core area for visitor facilities and interpretive exhibits. The bus drop-off would be at the visitor center and pickup would be in the Open Space/Recreation Zone located along the eastern side of the park. Bus parking would be relocated to a new facility shared with city, county, and state partners. The bus parking lot would be set aside for RV/trailer parking.

ALTERNATIVE 3: A RETREAT FROM MODERN LIFE IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Under this alternative, visitors would be provided with an appreciation for how different Lincoln's life in his neighborhood was from modern urban living. The existing historic houses and outbuildings would remain as the only large-scale buildings in the historic district, but missing houses in the neighborhood would be represented by ghosted structures and/or foundation outlines and smaller structures that together create a park environment distinct from the modern city outside the park.

DESIRED RESOURCE CONDITION

Only fences, outbuildings and other small-scale landscape features consistent with the treatment recommendations of the cultural landscape report would be constructed. Representations of missing houses would be identified by alternative methods such as ghosted structures and/or building foundation outlines, which could be built to provide visitors with some sense of the scale and density of the historic Lincoln-era neighborhood. New structures could be built to resemble barns that existed during the historic period. These new structures would be constructed of materials compatible with the fabric of the historic structures in the Historic District Zone. These elements would serve to buffer the historic district from outside

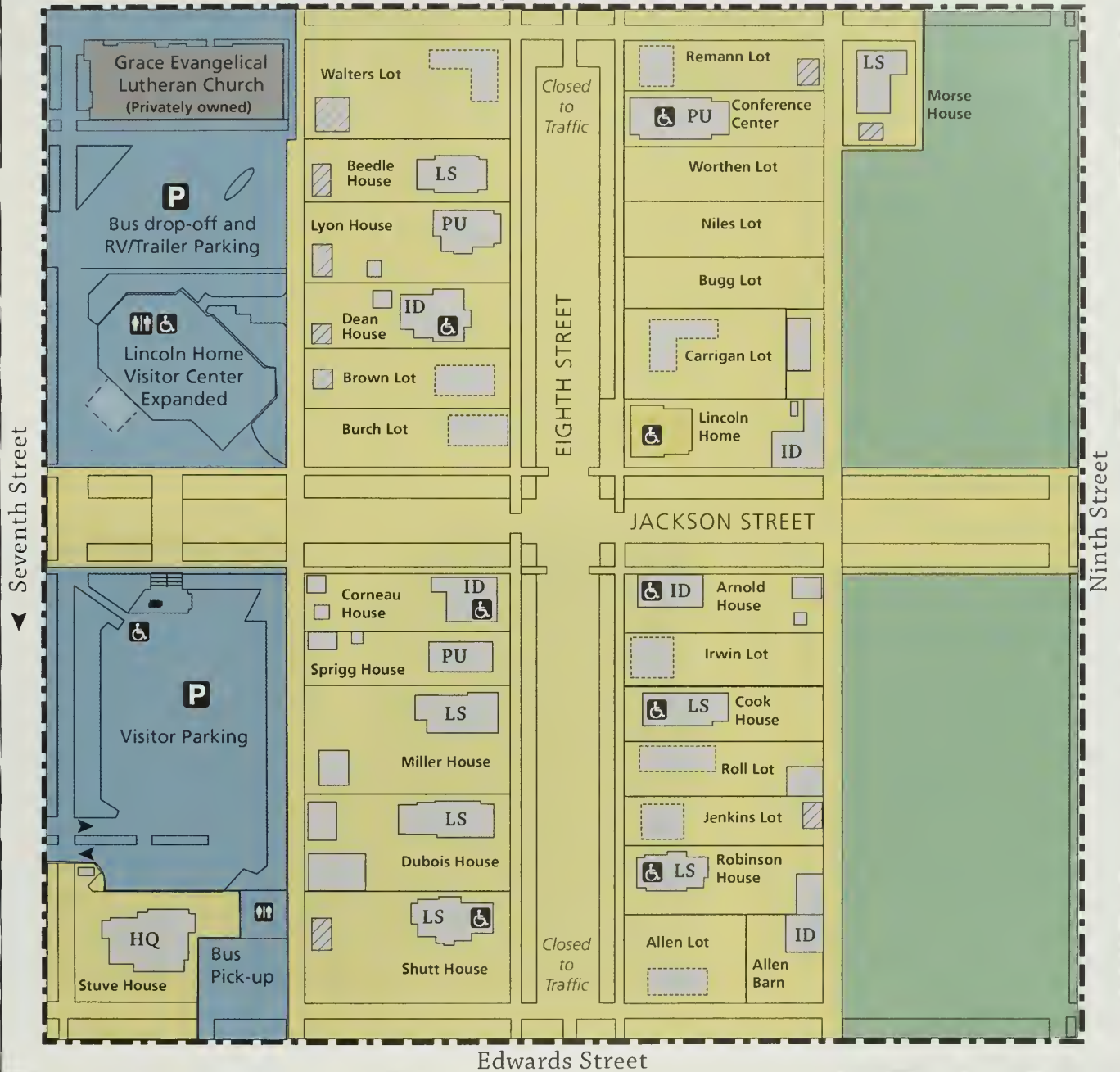


An example of a "ghost structure"; Independence National Historical Park's Franklin Court contains a steel "ghost structure" outlining the spot where Benjamin Franklin's house once stood.



Foundation example taken from Fort Frederica National Monument

Capitol Avenue



LEGEND

MANAGEMENT ZONES

- Open Space/Recreation
- Visitor Services/Administration
- Historic District

Park Boundary

Ghosted Structures or Foundation Outlines

New Barns/Sheds in Historic Locations

LS Leased Space

ID Interpretive Displays

HQ Headquarters

PU Park Use

Leased parking, maintenance, and curatorial facilities—Adjacent to the park off site
(Not to scale)



ALTERNATIVE THREE

A RETREAT FROM MODERN LIFE
IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

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(Alternative 3 continued)
modern visual and audible intrusions. Other elements of the historic scene would be rehabilitated to give some sense of the historic neighborhood but not to as great a degree as in Alternative 2. Limited traffic and parking in the alleys would be permitted. The park would restore the Stuve House to house consolidated administrative functions (freeing up to seven currently occupied historic buildings to the existing historic leasing program). Other than small-scale landscape features and representations of houses, there would be no development of new facilities in the Historic District Zone, neither modern nor full-scale structural exhibits.

VISITOR EXPERIENCE

There would be a scaled down living history program and greater emphasis on ranger-led tours than in Alternative 2, but visitors could also experience the site as individuals to draw their own conclusions about Lincoln's life in Springfield. Self-guided tours using neighborhood interpretive wayside exhibits, cell-phones, iPods, etc. would be available. Curriculum-based educational programming would include day-long history programs. Empty lots without ghost structures or building foundation outlines would provide space for festivals and outdoor events. The Corneau house would provide more interpretive exhibit space.

APPROPRIATE FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT:

The visitor center would be expanded to provide space for the ranger office, when Eastern National's operations expand into the existing ranger office. Maintenance and curatorial operations would be consolidated and moved off-site to leased facilities located south of the Open Space/ Recreation Zone on the eastern side of the park, on land adjacent to the park. The leased space would also provide adequate parking for park employees and volunteers.

Other administrative offices would be consolidated and moved to the restored Stuve House. Curatorial items stored on site would be moved to the new off-site curatorial facility to free up space for visitor facilities and interpretive displays/exhibits. The bus drop-off would be at the Visitor Center and pickup would be in a new area on Edwards Street near the Stuve House and bus parking would be relocated to a new off-site facility shared with city, county, and state partners. The bus parking lot would be dedicated to RV/trailer parking. Additional restrooms with drinking water would be placed in the restored Stuve Carriage House.



Autumn on Eighth Street

Comment Form

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Please provide us with feedback on the management alternatives for Lincoln Home National Historic Site. If you need more space, feel free to attach additional pages to this form. If you prefer, you may comment via e-mail at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Select Lincoln Home from the drop down list and then select General Management Plan. **Please mail your response by December 29, 2006.** Thank you.

1. Do you think the range of alternatives is complete? Are there things we have missed or overlooked?

2. Are there modifications to the alternatives you would prefer to make?

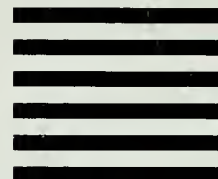
3. Which alternative do you prefer? If you don't like any of the alternatives, please describe your preferred alternative.

4. Are there any other comments or concerns that you would like to convey to the planning team?

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Thank you for your interest in Lincoln Home National Historic Site!

ALTERNATIVE 4: OPTIMIZE PARK OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

Under this alternative, park management would focus on its core mission and on maximizing efficiency in park operations. Park boundaries would be expanded south of the Open Space/Recreation Zone located on the eastern side of the park in an area bounded by Cook Street on the south, Edwards Street on the north, Ninth Street on the east, and the alley between Ninth St. and Eighth St. on the west, to provide space for modern facilities. This would maximize revenue realized through the park leasing program. The consolidation of most park administrative, maintenance, law enforcement, and curatorial operations in one site would result in increased park operational efficiency.

DESIRED RESOURCE CONDITIONS

As in Alternative 3, the existing historic houses and outbuildings would remain as the only large-scale buildings in the historic district, but smaller structures (e.g., outbuildings and fences) consistent with the cultural landscape report would be built throughout the historic district. While together these would heighten the feeling of a park environment distinct from the modern city outside the park's boundary, this feeling would not be as complete as in Alternative 3 because ghosted structures and/or building foundation outlines would not be built. The NPS would restore the exterior and rehabilitate the interior of the Stuve House for leasing. Most park operations and staff would be consolidated and moved to a new facility located within the park's new southeast boundary. Historic houses no longer needed for park operations would be added to the existing historic leasing program. New structures would be built to resemble barns that existed during the historic period. These new structures would be constructed of materials compatible with the fabric of the historic buildings in the Historic District Zone and would provide concealed parking spaces for lessees and serve to buffer the Historic District Zone from outside modern visual and auditory intrusions. Limited traffic and lessee parking in the alleys would be permitted. The Open Space/Recreation Zone located on the eastern side of the park would be re-landscaped to minimize maintenance and security issues.

DESIRED VISITOR EXPERIENCE

As in Alternative 3, there would be a greater emphasis on ranger-led tours than in Alternative 2, but visitors could also

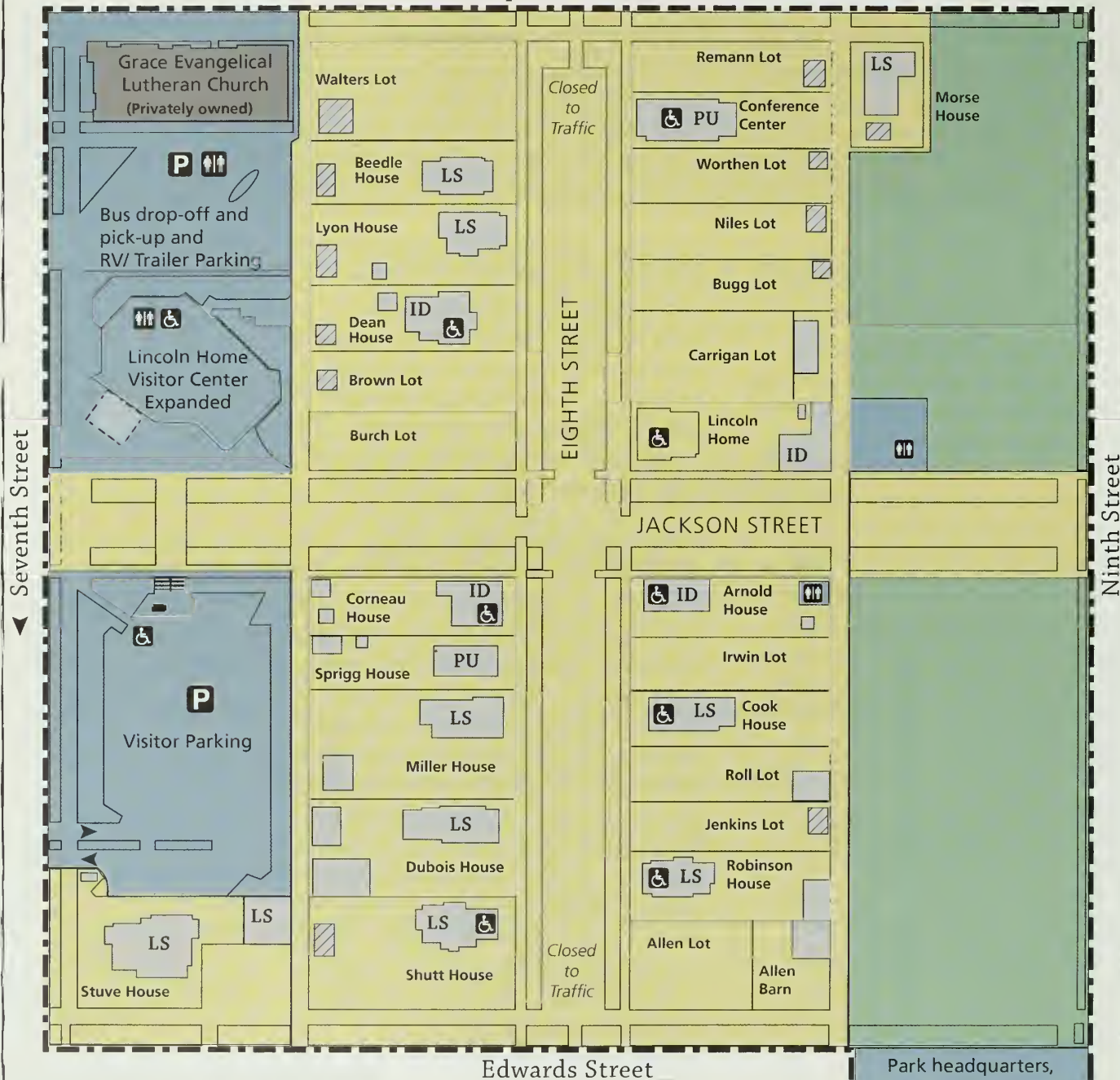
experience the site as individuals and draw their own conclusions about Lincoln's life in Springfield. Self-guided tours using neighborhood interpretive wayside exhibits, cell-phones, iPods, etc. would be available. Empty lots would provide space for festivals and outdoor events. The Corneau house would provide more exhibit space.

APPROPRIATE FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT

Most park operations would be consolidated in the new facility, within the expanded park boundaries, which would also provide adequate parking for park employees and volunteers. An expanded historic leasing program would include historic houses no longer needed for park operations, as well as the restored Miller House, Morse House, Stuve House, and Stuve Carriage House. Barns would be constructed along the alleys as a buffer and for lessee parking spaces. The visitor center would be expanded to provide space for the ranger office, when Eastern National's operations expand into the existing ranger office. The bus drop-off and pickup would be at the visitor center and bus parking would be relocated to a new off-site facility shared with city, county, and state partners. The bus parking lot would be set aside for RV/trailer parking. Additional restrooms with drinking water would be placed either in the Arnold Barn or in a new building constructed in the Open Space/Recreation Zone located in the eastern side of the park near the Jackson Street and alley

Lincoln Home - The Lincoln's expanded their house by adding a full second floor by 1856.





LEGEND

MANAGEMENT ZONES

- Open Space/Recreation
- Visitor Services/Administration
- Historic District

Park Boundary

New Barn/Sheds in Historic Locations

- LS Leased Space
- ID Interpretive Displays
- HQ Headquarters
- PU Park Use



ALTERNATIVE FOUR

OPTIMIZE PARK OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

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ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERED BUT ELIMINATED FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION: IMMERSION INTO 1860 – LINCOLN'S NEIGHBORHOOD AS HE KNEW IT

This alternative was eliminated from further consideration due to: the lack of documentation to guide accurate reconstruction consistent with National Park Service and Department of the Interior cultural resource policies; the excessive costs associated with a reconstruction program of this scale; and the potential adverse impacts on Eastern National operations in the park.

DESIRED RESOURCE CONDITION

Under this alternative, missing elements of the 1860s neighborhood would be recreated through large-scale reconstruction throughout the Historic District Zone. The interior of these reconstructed buildings would be adaptively used, but the exterior would be restored to represent the historic period of the Lincoln-era neighborhood. The cultural landscape would be restored to 1860. The Stuve House would be restored on the exterior and adaptively used on the interior, but rather than taking responsibility for this directly, the NPS would seek out a private lessee for the house with strict exterior preservation requirements, to renovate the building for their use with a long term lease, so the lessee could recoup their investment in the building's rehabilitation. New curatorial space would be consolidated and leased on land adjacent to the park and maintenance operations would be consolidated and moved to a new building in the south portion of the Open Space/Recreation Zone. Development of modern (not reconstructed) facilities would be limited to: the new maintenance facility, a new bus pick-up space, and new restrooms in an area along Ninth Street. The Eastern National museum shop would be moved to a new location in one of the reconstructed buildings.

DESIRED VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Reconstructed buildings would serve as a buffer against modern visual and auditory intrusions. Visitors would experience a comprehensive, large-scale living history program. Curriculum-based educational programming would include multi-day history camps. Some of the reconstructed buildings would house interpretive

displays, a new museum shop, and a new staging area for tours of the Lincoln Home. The current visitor center would not be expanded, but interior space for exhibits would increase by the amount currently occupied by the museum shop.

APPROPRIATE FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENT

Maintenance would be consolidated and moved to the southeast corner of the Open Space/Recreation Zone and space for curatorial operations would be leased on a site south of the new maintenance building and adjacent to the park boundary. Other administrative offices would remain where they are, in adaptively used historic houses. Buses would use the visitor center parking lot as a drop-off point, park off-site, and a new pickup site located in the Open Space/Recreation Zone. The current bus parking lot would be set aside for RV/trailer parking.

THE NEXT STEPS

During the draft preliminary alternatives review period, three public meetings will be held at the park to provide the public with additional opportunities to have questions answered and to comment on the preliminary alternatives and the planning process. If you would like to have your questions answered before the public meetings occur, please contact Tom Thomas, Project Manager, at the address listed on the back page of this newsletter. After we have collected and analyzed all the comments, the planning team and park staff will select a preferred alternative and begin preparation of the complete General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for Lincoln Home National Historic Site.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Public input is important to the planning process. The planning team has scheduled three public open houses. Park staff will be available to discuss the planning process, answer your questions and listen to your suggestions. We hope to see you at one of the meetings listed below.

Wednesday – November 29, 2006
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM and
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Thursday – Thursday 30, 2006
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

All meetings will be held at:
Lincoln Home NHS
Visitor Center
426 South Seventh Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1905

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Planning Schedule

	Planning Activity	Dates	Public Involvement Opportunities
1	Set the stage for planning Reaffirm purpose and significance; determine issues and concerns.	Fall 2005 to Winter 2005	The public is invited to attend meetings and offer ideas using the options described in the box to the right.
2	Develop Preliminary Alternatives: Identify a range of reasonable alternatives (we are here): Identify a range of reasonable alternatives for the park's future.	Winter 2005 to Fall 2006	Provide comments on the initial alternatives by using a response form. Attend public meetings and provide comments.
3	Prepare and publish Draft General Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement: Assess their effects, analyze public reactions, and select a preferred alternative. Prepare draft describing the management alternatives and impacts; distribute to the public.	Fall 2006 to Fall 2007	Provide written comments on the draft document. Attend public meetings and provide comments.
4	Revise and publish Final General Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement: Analyze comments, prepare responses to comments, revise draft document, distribute to the public.	Fall 2007 to Fall 2008	
5	Implement the approved plan: Prepare and issue Record of Decision and implement plan as funding allows.	Winter 2009 and beyond	Stay involved throughout the implementation of the approved plan. Let the park know what you think.